

Specific Comments To Authors: I congratulate the authors on this beautiful review. I think it will make an important contribution to the literature. There are very few publications that include the different surgical techniques of distal pancreatectomy. My criticisms and suggestions for corrections for the article are listed below: 1- While the meaning of the phrase "easier does not always mean easy" in the title can be understood from the content of the article, it would be better to also mention the reasons for this in the conclusion section. 2- I think that in the second paragraph of the "Current techniques of distal pancreatectomy" section, "right transverse incision" should be "left transverse incision". I recommend that the authors review this. 3- In the same paragraph, it would be more explanatory if it was stated that if the spleen is to be preserved after the steps of ligating the short gastric vessels and splenic artery, either all or part of these vessels should be preserved. 4- In the Laparoscopic distal pancreatectomy section, the description of the trocars is confusing when robotic trocars are described. 5- Some abbreviations do not have explanations. While ODP and PDAC are understood to mean open distal pancreatectomy and pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma, respectively, I think it would be more appropriate to specify this in the text. Although FOLFIRINOX is a well-known abbreviation, I think an explanation is necessary. 6- The abbreviations "delayed gastric emptying" and "quality of life" are given, but are not used elsewhere in the text. If they are not used in other places such as tables or figures outside of the manuscript, I recommend removing them. 7- In the Robotic distal pancreatectomy section, "daVinci surgical robot" should be corrected to "da Vinci® Surgical Systems (Intuitive Surgical, Inc., Sunnyvale, CA, USA)".

To:

Editor-in-Chief of Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery

Dear Editors,



Please find enclosed in the web system the edited (*RI version*) manuscript in Word format of the manuscript entitled “**Distal pancreatectomy with or without radical approach, vascular resections and splenectomy: easier does not always mean easy.**”

The manuscript has been highly improved according to all the suggestions of the reviewer: in details, every suggestion raised by the referees was accepted. Moreover, the article was re-edit for English fluency by a professional Service.

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Sincerely yours,

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